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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 23 AIRCRAFT HIJACKING ATTEMPT

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1. FOLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL.
ON NOVEMBER 23 AT 2145, TAKAYOSHI OGAWA, SIXTEEN YEAR OLD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FROM HOKKAIDO, ATTEMPTED TO HIJACK ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS BOEING 727 ENROUTE FROM CHITOSE TO TOKYO. HE ENTERED COCKPIT, CARRYING IMITATION DYNAMITE STICK (CARDBOARD CYLINDER) IN ONE HAND AND GAS LIGHTER IN OTHER, AND SAID "THIS IS HIJACK, TURN PLANE TO RIGHT." OGAWA WAS IMMEDIATELY SUBDUED BY JAPANESE CO-PILOT AND AMERICAN FLIGHT ENGINEER (JOHN VIVIAN) AND TIED TO EMPTY SEAT. HE TOLD THEM HE HAD WANTED TO GO TO NORTH KOREA.

2. POLICE SAY OGAWA HAD NO POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS AND HAD NO ACCOMPLICES IN HIS HIJACK ATTEMPT. THEY DESCRIBE HIM AS SUFFERING "SEVERE NERVOUS BREAKDOWN." HE WAS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION OF JAPANESE HIJACK PREVENTION LAW, BUT, BECAUSE HE WAS MINOR, HE WAS RELEASED IN CUSTODY OF HIS PARENTS.
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